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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR APPLYING A FILM PIECE TO A CAN BODY

[0001] This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/CH2004/000004 which has an International filing date of January 9, 2004, which designated the United States of America and which claims priority on Swiss Patent Application number 64/03 filed January 17, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Field

[0002] The invention generally relates to a method, to a device, and/or to a can body.

Background

[0003] For simplifying the production of containers, particularly of aerosol cans including a decoration, some individual treatment steps of the current production methods can be simplified or, in some cases, omitted or replaced. For example, a method is known from WO 95/34474 wherein one can substantially do without imprinting and overpainting of the outer surface of a container. The decoration is imprinted onto a film, and the film is then applied to the outer surface of the container.

[0004] By applying the decoration in the form of a film, various advantages are achieved. First, it is no longer required to run all operations necessary for the production of a container immediately one after the other. The printed film can be bought in completely imprinted form and does not need to be printed within the can production plant. One can